(b) The Electricity Act, 2003 provides that the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have the powers to fix tariff for sale of electricity to consumers taking into account the revenue requirement of distribution licensees. Section 65 of the Act provides that if the State Government requires the grant of any subsidy to any consumer or class of consumers in the tariff determined by the SERCs, the State Government shall pay to the concerned utility/licensees the full amount required to compensate the grant of subsidy. Thus, the matter of providing subsidy in tariff to a class of consumers is exclusively in the domain of the State Government.

Pending Hydel Projects of Kerala

44. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of Hydel Projects from Kerala pending for clearance;

(b) the date of submission of each of these projects to the Union Government for necessary clearance; and

(c) the details of reasons for the delay in clearing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) No proposal of any H.E. Project from Kerala is presently pending for clearance in the Ministry of Power. However, proposals in respect of nine hydro-electric projects with total installed capacity of 906 MW have been returned to Kerala for resubmission. While six projects were returned as they were located in Cauvery region involve inter-state aspects were yet to be resolved, three projects have been returned due to major change in scope of works suggested by Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission. The revised Detailed Project Report of Athirapilly Hydro Electric Project (2 x 80 + 1x 3 = 163 MW) received on 2.9.2004 was returned on 10.9.2004 due to non-furnishing/tieing up of essential inputs/details/drawings. The details of the projects and the reasons for returning the proposals are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Hydro projects returned for resubmission in Kerala

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Type of Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs. Crs)	Date of receipt/ return	Remarks
1.	Kerala Bhawani	Storage Live Storage -265 mcm Capacity	3x50=150	168.75 (1991 P.L.)	Aug. 91/ Jan. 1992	Involves inter-state aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
2.	Mananthwady (Multipurpose)	Storage Gross Capacity 608 mcm	4x60=240	69.17 (Power) (1980 PL)	May, 80/ July 1980	Involves inter-state aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
3.	Pambar	Storage Live capacity- 37.3 mcm	2x15=30	65.46 (1989 P.L.)	Feb, 90/ Mar., 1990	Involves inter-state aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
4.	Kuttiyadi Augmentation	Storage (") Live capacity 155 mcm	2x50=100	61.72	May, 92/ May, 1992	Involves inter-state aspect. Located in Cauvery basin. This project is under construction by KSEB.
5.	Pandiar Punnapuzha	ROR	2X35=70	22.0	Dec., 76/ July, 1982	Involves inter-state aspect with Tamil Nadu.
6.	Barapole	ROR	2x3+2x1.5=9	12.7	June, 91/ Aug., 1991	Involves inter-state aspect with Karnataka. As per Kerala Govt. DPR has already been prepared and steps initiated for its

						implementation.
7.	Pallivasal Rehabilitation	Storage (*) Live Capacity 58.9 mcm	3x20=60	45.48	July, 90/ Apr., 1992	Due to major change in scope of works suggested by CEA/ CWC. As per Kerala Govt. the R&M and life extension of existing units completed in 2002-03. Therefore rehabilitation scheme is not required.
8.	Karapara-Kuriarkutty (Multipurpose)	Storage Live capacity-106.9 mcm	2x12+3x20= 84	85.64 (1990 P.L.)	Nov., 90/ June, 1991	The Project has to be approved by TAC of MOWR in first instance. On request of Govt. of Kerala CEA has prepared PER of the project.
9.	Athirapilly (**) H.E. Project (revised DPR)	ROR Live storage —6.8 mcm	2x80+ 1x3=163	331.88 (excl. IDC) (2003-04 PL)	Sept., 04/ Sept., 2004	The revised DPR was returned on 10.9.2004 due to non-furnishing/tieing up of essential inputs/details. MoEF clearance submitted as per directives of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. EIA study completed. State Govt. advised to conduct fresh Public Hearing.
	Total		**906MW**			

(*) Existing Reservoir
(**) This project was earlier cleared by CEA on 13.5.1996 for a capacity of 2x80 MW.